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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT:DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS YOU MAY PROVIDE THE
NIGERIANS WITH THE FOLLOWING DRAFT COMMUNIQUE: QUOTE:
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JIMMY
CARTER, AND MRS. CARTER PAID A STATE VISIT TO THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AT THE INVITATION OF THE HEAD OF STATE
AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO,
FROM MARCH 31 TO APRIL 3, 1978.

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2. THE VISIT AFFORDED PRESIDENT CARTER THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PAY THE FIRST STATE VISIT BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT
TO SUB-SAHARA AFRICA AND TO WITNESS FIRST HAND THE
ASPIRATIONS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROBLEMS OF CONTEMPORARY
AFRICANS. IT ALSO AFFORDED THE TWO HEADS OF STATE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THEIR FRIENDSHIP BEGUN DURING GENERAL
OBASANJO'S STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER OF LAST
YEAR, AND PROVIDED AN OCCASION FOR BOTH LEADERS TO REVIEW
MATTERS OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONCERN AND RE-
EMPHASIZE THE MANY LINKS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE

UNITED STATES AND NIGERIA.

3. PRESIDENT CARTER AND GENERAL OBASANJO EXPRESSED THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, AS MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY IN THE COUNCIL IN THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THEY EXPRESSED PARTICULAR APPROVAL OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S PROMPT ACTION IN ESTABLISHING A UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON AND PLEDGED THEIR FULL COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MANDATE GRANTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE REVIEWED ISSUES AFFECTING WORLD PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SEVERAL TROUBLED AREAS OF AFRICA. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT WHICH SEEK TO BRING ABOUT THE GENUINE TRANSFER OF POWER AND THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT, MAJORITY RULED ZIMBABWE. IN THIS REGARD, THEY DECLARED THAT THE "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" REACHED IN ZIMBABWE REMAINS INADEQUATE.

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5. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF AFRICA THAT NAMIBIA GAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385, AND TO THAT END, THEY CALL UPON ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO SUBSCRIBE FULLY TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE U.S., UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND CANADA FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION.

6. BOTH LEADERS REAFFIRMED THEIR CONDEMNATION OF THE APARTHEID SYSTEM PRACTICED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND PLEDGED THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TO WORK TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID. THEY AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH AFRICA ADHERING TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND SUBMITTING ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

7. WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE TWO HEADS OF STATE AGREED THAT THE AREA SHOULD BE FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE AND THAT, CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLES 52 AND 53 OF THE UN CHARTER, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE OAU OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. WITH THIS IN MIND, THEY AGREED THAT NIGERIA SHOULD PERSEVERE IN ITS EFFORTS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU COMMISSION TO GET THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE TO NEGOTIATE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AND THEREFORE DURABLE SOLUTION. WITH THE FIGHTING NOW

ENDED, THEY CALLED ON ALL OUTSIDE STATES TO AVOID ANY FORM
OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE AREA. THEY EXPRESSED
THE HOPE THAT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT COULD ALSO BE ACHIEVED
FOR THE PROBLEM OF ERITREA.

8. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE UNDERScoreD THEIR COMMITMENT
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER, PARTICULARLY THOSE
CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL SOCIETIES.
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THEY REGARDED THE NIGERIAN PROPOSAL AT THE LAST GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF REGIONAL HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSIONS WHERE THEY NOW DO NOT EXIST AS A
SIGNIFICANT REFORM IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS MERITING
IMPLEMENTATION. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTH-
ENING UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY, IN PARTICULAR BY
ELIMINATING THE APPLICATION OF A DOUBLE STANDARD TO
HUMAN RIGHTS DISPUTES.

9. THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT WHICH OPENS IN MAY 1978. AS LEADERS OF
COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN UN
DISARMAMENT MATTERS, BOTH LEADERS AGREED THAT THE SESSION
SHOULD PROVIDE A STIMULUS TO FURTHER CONCRETE DISARMAMENT
EFFORTS. THE TWO LEADERS PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NIGERIAN AND
UNITED STATES OFFICIALS ON THE NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC
DIALOGUE AND IN PARTICULAR ON THE WORK OF THE UN OVERVIEW
COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THEY
AGREED ON THE VALUE OF THAT DIALOGUE IN ENHANCING UNDER-
STANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN AND PROMOTING
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

10. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE DISCUSSED OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE INCLUDING ISSUES SUCH AS
PETROLEUM PRICES, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION AT AN EARLY DATE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS.

11. ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE PRESIDENT AND THE
HEAD OF STATE REVIEWED AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN INCLUDING
STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC BOND BETWEEN BOTH NATIONS.
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BOTH LEADERS REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE SINCE THEY LAST
MET IN WASHINGTON, AS A RESULT OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LAGOS LAST NOVEMBER, AND PLEDGED A
CONTINUATION OF THESE TALKS IN THE UNITED STATES IN LATE

APRIL. THE PRESIDENT AND THE HEAD OF STATE AGREED THAT THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AUGUR WELL FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THEY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ATTRACTIVE, STABLE NIGERIAN INVEST-

MENT ENVIRONMENT TO INCREASED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO NIGERIA THROUGH AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

12. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND MRS. CARTER EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND APPRECIATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY, LIEUTENANT GENERAL OBASANJO AND TO ALL THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY AFFORDED TO THEIR PARTY DURING THEIR VISIT TO NIGERIA.

13. THE PRESIDENT WAS IMPRESSED BY THE INDUSTRY AND ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL NIGERIANS WHOM HE ENCOUNTERED AND WAS ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO HAVE SEEN THE PRODIGIOUS EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA.

14. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT TO NIGERIA BY: (LIST).

15. HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HEAD OF STATE AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA WAS ATTENDED BY: (LIST).

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